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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Radar Absorbant Material

It is becoming increasingly evident that the use of material and techniques to reduce the radar reflectivity of airborne objects could have a decided effect upon our air defense capabilities. In view of this, I consider it extremely desirable that key personnel in the Department of Defense be fully aware of this potential both for our employment and as a threat to our defenses. For this reason a briefing covering the present status of development in this area and the progress which may be anticipated would be extremely helpful.

Since it is my understanding that the Department of the Air Force is giving full consideration to this area for the possible protection of our own manned aircraft and guided missiles, it would be appreciated if you could make the necessary arrangements for this briefing. It is anticipated that Mr. Holaday and myself as well as selected representatives from our staffs will be in attendance. For arrangements on a mutually satisfactory time and place for this briefing, it is requested that you contact Mr. James M. Bridges, Director of Electronics of my office.

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